GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – PR&RD – Irregularities noticed in implementation of Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) programme under Swachh Bharath Mission in Peapually Mandal of Kurnool District by the staff of Panchayat Raj & Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Departments – Common disciplinary proceedings initiated – Inquiry under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges framed against Ms.Devarapalli Lakshmi Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-2)-Orders–Issued.

PR&RD (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 624 Dated: 06-11-2020.

Read :

G.O.Ms.No.684, PR & RD (Vigilance-IV) Department, dated 06-11-2020.

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O R D E R :

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference read above, it is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Ms.Devarapalli Lakshmi Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-2) under Rule 20 of the said rules. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of witnesses by whom and a list of documents by which the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

2. Ms.Devarapalli Lakshmi Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-2) is directed to submit a written statement of her defense, within ten days of the receipt of this Order.

3. Ms.Devarapalli Lakshmi Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-2) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

4. Ms.Devarapalli Lakshmi Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-2) is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 2 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex-parte.

5. Attention of Ms.Devarapalli Lakshmi Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-2) is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of matters pertaining to her service under Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any

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matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that she is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

6. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individual concerned.
(through Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur District with a request to serve the G.O on to the individual & furnish served copy with dated acknowledgement).

Copy to

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Secretariat Building no.5, Velgapudi, Guntur District.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, 2nd floor, NTR Administrative block, Pandit Nehru Bus Stand, Vijayawada.
The Engineering in Chief, AP, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Collector, Kurnool District.
The Superintendent Engineer, Kurnool District.
The Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.
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A N N E X U R E – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST KUMARI DEVARAPALLI LAKSHMI, D/O.D.KONDA REDDY, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION (RWS&S), PEAPULLY MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT

That Ms.Devarapalli Lakshmi, D/o.D.Konda Reddy joined into Government Service as Mandal Parishad Development Officer on 25.07.2013 and now working as Assistant Executive Engineer, River Water Supply & Sanitation, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District from 25.07.2013 to till date. While working as Assistant Executive Engineer, River Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Peapully Mandal she has committed grave misconduct in as much as :

Charge : She failed to check measure the latrines propery and made irregular recommendations for payment of subsidy amounts to the beneficiaries in the capacity of check measuring officer for Chandrapalli, Ootakonda, Jakkasani Kuntla and Pedapaya Villages during the implementation of IHHL scheme under Swachh Bharat Mission program and thereby she is responsible for irregular payment of Rs.3,24,000/-.

Thus, Kum.Devarapalli Lakshmi, as Assistant Executive Engineer, River Water Supply & Sanitation, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District by her above mentioned acts, has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of public servant and there by contravened Rules 3 (1), 3 (2) & 3 (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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A N N E X U R E –II

STATEMENT OF IMMUPUTATION OF MISCONDCUT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST KUMARI DEVARAPALLI LAKSHMI, D/O.D.KONDA REDDY, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION (RWS&S), PEAPULLY MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT

That Kum.Devarapalli Lakshmi, D/o.D.Konda Reddy joined into Government Service as Mandal Parishad Development Officer on 25.07.2013 and now working as Assistant Executive Engineer, River Water Supply & Sanitation, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District from 25.07.2013 to till date. The date of birth of Kum.D.Lakshmi is 04-08-1989 and she attains the age of superannuation on 31-08-2049. She is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant (GS).

Charge : The Charged Officer recommended for payment without checking of measurements / improper checking of measurements of IHHL which were constructed under SBM in Chandrapalli, Vutakonda, Jakkasani Kuntla and Pedapaya Villages of Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District and thereby she is responsible for irregular payment of Rs.3,24,000/- made to the beneficiaries.

Facts and Evidence : Sri Buggana Rajendranath Reddy, MLA, Dhone, Kurnool District sent a petition to the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, that irregularities took place in implementation of the IHHL scheme in Jakkasani Kuntla, Chandrapalli, Vutakonda, Peddapaya, Madhavaram and Racharla Villages of Peapully mandal, Kurnool District. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau endorsed the said petition to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau Kurnool to conduct enquiry. Accordingly, the Deputy Superintendent of Police conducted the enquiry. The enquiry revealed that the Central Government had been implementing IHHL scheme under SBM- Grameena Program and the same has been in implementation since 2nd October, 2014 in a saturation mode under 100% subsidy. As part of implementation of scheme of peapully mandal and the IKP / Velugu staff visited the villages conducted survey and found that latrines were not existing in the villages and kept the list in RWS website and the same list was identified as beneficiaries under IHHL scheme. The scheme also provides that apart from the said list if any eligible beneficiary found in the village can also apply for IHHL Latrine and after due enquiry by the concerned Panchayat Secretary the Government would sanction IHHL Latrine. The Government has also decided in some of the villages to allow Non Government Organizations to construct IHHL Latrines in the villages after Gram Panchayat passes resolution to that effect. After construction of IHHL, State vide verification would be done such as geo tagging by the concerned employee, recording of m-books, checks measuring, etc and after completion of these verifications the unit cost of Rs.12,000/- for 4 x 3 size and Rs.15,000/- for 4 x 6 size latrines would be released to the bank accounts of concerned NGOs / beneficiaries. The amount would be sanctioned to the beneficiaries in two phases, i.e., (1) after construction of soak pit tank-1st phase amount Rs.5,000/- and (2) after completion of construction of IHHL latrine-2nd phase amount of Rs.7,000/- will be remitted to the beneficiaries bank account.

During the enquiry it is found that as per guidelines the Government servant has to check measure the construction of IHHL and record the same in M.Book, and then the MPDO has to make physical verification of the construction of latrines and then recommend for making payment to the beneficiaries.

During the course of enquiry a letter has been addressed to the Superintendent Engineer, R&B, with a request to nominate a team of officials of AE, R&B to accompany ACB officials to Jakkasani Kuntla, Chandrapalli, Vutakonda, Peddapaya, Madhavaram and Racharla Villages of peapually Mandal to assess the approximate age of doubtful latrines. Accordingly, Sri V.Ravi chandra, AEE, R&B, Peapully Mandal was nominated for verification approximate age construction of said latrines is more than 4 years. Sri Ravichandra gave a detailed report along with Xerox photographs of IHHLs which were taken photograph at the time of physical verification vide C.No.Nil/2018, dated 09-04-2018.

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The details of the said IHHL Latrines which appear to have been constructed prior to four years before inspection are as follows :

Assessment details of ages of constructed latrines and amounts sanctioned :

Sl No	Beneficiary ID	Name of the beneficiary	Probable age of IHHL	Name of the village	Remarks	Amount sanctioned (as per online data) Rs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jakkasanikuntla Grampanchayat						
1	48969359	Ramanjaneyulu Reddy	4 – 5 years old	D.Rangapuram	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 4 – 5 years old	12,000
Chandrapalli Grampanchayat						
2	135312669	B.M.Shah Imamsha	5 – 6 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 5 – 6 years old	15,000
3	48937067	Besthakeshappa	7 – 8 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 7 – 8 years old	15,000
4	33562895	M.Srenivasulu	4 – 5 years old	Chandrapalli	Year displaced on house, i.e., 2013. Latrine constructed along with building	15,000
5	48937183	Narayana	No latrine	Chandrapalli	Latrine does not exist	15,000
6	33563262	Madhava Reddy	9 – 10 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 9 – 10 years old	15,000
7	48937154	r.Chinna Kambabba	No latrine	Chandrapalli	Latrine does not exist	15,000
8	33563138	Susilamma	4 – 5 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed along with building and assessed 4 – 5 years old	15,000
9	48937189	E.Nirmalamma	5 – 6 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed separately	15,000
10	33563263	Suryanarayana	7 – 8 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 7 – 8 years old	12,000
11	33563060	U.Kastaiah	7 – 8 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 7 – 8 years old	12,000
	Peddapaya Grampanchayat					
12	17777312	M.Raju	7 – 8 years	Peddapaya	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 7 – 8 years old	15,000
13	49059660	Konda Chandra	5 – 6 years	Peddapaya	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 5 – 6 years old	15,000
	Utakonda Grampanchayat					
14	48975958	A.Chowdeswari	5 – 6 years old	Gopalnagaram	Latrine constructed along with building assessed 5 – 6 years old	15,000
15	48927101	B.Pullaiah	6 – 7 years old	Utakond	Latrine constructed along with building. Assessed 6 – 7 years old	12,000
16	48927135	C.H.Dastagiri	4 – 5 years old	Utakonda	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 4 – 5 years old	12,000
17	48927112	Chandranna	4 – 5 years old	Utakonda	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 4 – 5 years old	12,000

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18	48927073	M.Nageswar Reddy	5 – 6 years old	Utakonda	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 5 – 6 years old	12,000
19	48927039	M.Pakkirappa	5 – 6 years old	Utakonda	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 5 – 6 years old	12,000
20	48150653	N.Ramanjaneyulu	Old bathroom converted into latrine	Utakonda	Bath room constructed along with building 4 – 5 years back. In that latrine basin was kept	12,000
21	48927136	P.Dashagiri	4 – 5 years old	Utakonda	Constructed along with building. Building assessed 4 – 5 years old	12,000
22	48927077	Shabu Reddy	5 – 6 years old	Gopalnagaram	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 5 – 6 years old	15,000
23	33614374	Shaik Shamshad Bee	6 – 7 years old	Gopalnagaram	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 6 – 7 years old	12,000
24	48926987	Yella Reddy	4 – 5 years old	Utakonda	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 4 – 5 years old	12,000

The details of amounts paid irregularly to the beneficiaries' village wise are as follows :

Sl.No.	Name of the village	Payment made Irregularly (Amount in Rs.)
1	Jakkasanikuntla	12,000-00
2	Chandrapalli	1,44,000-00
3	Peddapaya	30,000-00
4	Utakonda	1,38,000-00
	TOTAL	**3,24,000-00**

The inquiry revealed that Kum.Devarapalli Lakshmi, Assistant Executive Engineer recommended for payment without checking of measurements / improper checking of measurements of Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) constructed under SBM in Chandrapalli, Vutakonda, Jakkasanikunta and Peddapaya village of Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district and thereby she is responsible for irregular payment of Rs.3,24,000/- to the beneficiaries.

Thus, Kum.Devarapalli Lakshmi as Assistant Executive Engineer, Peapully Mandal of River Water Supply and Sanitation, Kurnool District by her above mentioned acts, has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of public servant and there by contravened Rules 3 (1), 3 (2) & 3 (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant has therefore, rendered herself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

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A N N E X U R E – III

List of witnesses in support of the Charges proposed to be sustained.

1. Sri M.Visweswara Naidu, Zilla Parishath Chief Executive Officer, Kurnool.
2. Sri J.Hari Babu, Superintendent Engineer, RWS&S Department, Kurnool.
3. Sri V.Ravi Chandra, Assistant Executive Engineer, R&D Department, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.
4. Mandal Parishath Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.
5. Sri Buggana Rajendranath, MLA, Done and Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, A.P.Legislative Assembly.
6. Sri S.Khader Basha, Inspector of Police, ACB, Kunrool Range, Kurnool.

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A N N E X U R E – IV

List of documents in support of the Charges proposed to be sustained.

1.Rc.No.C/83, dated 03-01-2018-1, of Mandal Parishath Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.

2.Rc.No.C/83, dated 03-01-2018-2, of Mandal Parishath Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.

3.Lr.No.C3/781/2013, dated 08-01-2018 of Superintendent Engineer,)i/c), RWS&S, Kurnool.

4.Rc.No.A8/12/2018, dated 17-01-2018, of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishath, Kurnool District.

5.Rc.No.E6/508/2017, dated 05-03-2018, of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishath, Kurnool District.

6.Rc.No.E6/508/2017, dated 22-03-2018, of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishath, Kurnool District.

7.C.No.Nil/2018, dated 09-04-2018, of AEE, R&B, Peapully, Kurnool District.

8.Rc.No.C/65/2017, dated 12-06-2018, of Mandal Parishath Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.

9.Written Statement of Sri Buggana Rajendranath, MLA, Dhone, Kurnool District & Public Accounts Committee Chairman, AP Legislative Assembly.

10.Written Statement of Sri J.Hari Babu, Superintendent Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, (RWS&S) Department, Kurnool.

11.Written Statement of Sri M.Veswawara Naidu, Zilla Parishath Chief Executive Officer, Kurnool.

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